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The Weather

High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 12	80	57
Sept. 13	73	53
Sept. 14	73	60
Sept. 15	73	60
Sept. 16—Re record		
Sept. 17	71	56
Sept. 18	51	67
Sept. 19—First Frost!		

The Reverend A. Rufus Morgan Featured In Magazine Article

The Reverend A. Rufus Morgan, much loved and highly revered patriarch of the mountains of Western North Carolina, was the subject for a feature story in the September issue of The Highlander Churchman, official publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina.

The story, written by Helen Freas, which is reprinted here, should be of great interest to many people in the Highlands area, and especially to the many who through the years were befriended by this good man.

Dr. Morgan served the local parish of the Highlands Church of the Incarnation as rector for a number of years. The story is as follows:

It is hard to condense 76 productive years of the life of Rufus Morgan into a magazine article. He was almost literally "born an Episcopalian." His grandparents on both sides were Episcopalian, his mother held a Sunday School class for negro children at their home in Murphy, and his father was a lay reader. His mother's mother was the first Episcopalian west of Waynesville in North Carolina of whom there is any record, and she and her family were instrumental in building St. John's in Nonah, N. C. This church was later torn down, but was rebuilt by Rufus Morgan when he returned to W.N.C. and is now St. John's (Cartoogchaye). Franklin, many of the original furnishings were found and used and improvements have been made from time to time until it is one of the most beautiful little churches in the Diocese.

Rufus Morgan was born near Franklin, October 15, 1886, and has always taken pride in being a "mountaineer." There is a clipping in a family scrapbook telling that the racket on "Morgan Hill" was caused by "Squire Morgan" trying to run down his son Rufus in the fall to put shoes on him.

While in high school at Waynesville he was a lay reader and walked to Cullowhee to hold a service whenever necessary.

He worked his way through high school and college, being valedictorian in his high school class in Waynesville, and graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1910. From there he went to General Theological Seminary in New York, being ordained in 1913. Later the seminary gave him

an honorary D.D. degree. From 1913 to 1914 he was a Fellow at General Seminary



This picture the subject calls, "The young man with his nose in the air."

Diocesan paper, and active in camp work, including Kanuga, which he helped develop. Rufus Morgan returned to this beloved mountains in 1940 and has served here ever since. Here is a man of many parts — each stemming from the love of and desire to serve God. He is a builder. In addition to building St. John's, Cartoogchaye, he was responsible for restoring St. David's, Cullowhee, lending some money from St. John's for this. One morning last year at breakfast he announced, "I think I'll build a church." This was to be the rebuilding of the Church of the Ascension at Rainbow Springs. Almost immediately he and his grandson and others who were interested, cleared the plot, hauled rocks, and the little outdoor chapel was dedicated last Ascension Day. It is most interesting to watch his projects unfold. Each step is taken with deliberation and enthusiasm. Others are fired with interest and donations come in — logs, marble, a cross, manual labor, and money. It is really a privilege to be a part of these creations.

At one time, after his 70th birthday, Dr. Morgan dug a basement under his home almost singlehandedly, digging out rocks so big that a wrecker had to remove them. Later someone said she was sorry to be late in telling him, but that a cousin had said he would not be able to put a basement there because of the big rocks. His quick answer was "I'd have dug it anyway." This seems to be characteristic of his ventures.

If you are one of the several hundred on his Christmas card mailing list you know that he is a poet. One of his earlier poems was written at Chapel Hill and is titled "Mother." A few years ago some members of a former church collected a number of his poems and had them published. As one of his sisters says, he is "an uneducated naturalist." When he goes on hikes, he knows just when and where to find the Walking Fern and Ladies Tresses and greets them as one would a friend. It is seldom that he cannot tell the name of a flower, tree, or bird. One of his favorite occupations seems to be farming. At a Craftsman's Service at Penland he told of being the only member of his family who does not make things with his hand, but of the joy he gets in working with the soil and in raising things. One of his nieces said in amazement, "He's not grubbing. He's getting joy out of

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A portion of Wildcat Cliffs Country Club golf course is scrutinized carefully for pebbles by workmen. Play on the first nine of the course is scheduled for next summer. The Club celebrates a successful year with a "barbecue and cider squeeze" on Saturday, September 29. Invitations to the event have already gone out.

Cashiers To Have New Post Office

Congressman Roy A. Taylor has announced that bids will be advertised September 18 for construction of a new post office at Cashiers. Rep. Taylor said applications call for a building containing 1,200 square feet of interior floor space; a loading platform area of 98 square feet; and an outside paved area of 3,500 square feet. The new Cashiers unit will be operated on a lease basis with the Post Office Department and the successful bidder. Persons interested in submitting bids for the construction project should contact Mr. R. H. Wilson, assistant chief real estate officer, 202-M Federal Annex, Atlanta 4, Ga.

College Claims Highlanders

A number of Highlands young people have entered or returned to college during the past few weeks. Western Carolina at Cullowhee has claimed the largest per cent, while several other colleges and universities have at least one Highlands student on their list. Attending Western Carolina are Leanne Gardner, Gladys Schroeder, Jessie Harbison, Joan Cleveland, Jack Calloway, Jack Cabe, and Ella Cabe as dormitory students, and Woodrow and Jane Wilson and Philip Eger as commuters. Jessie Talley is attending Blanton's Business College in Asheville. Betty Jean Crawford, John Norton and Ronnie Reese are at Mars Hill College. Bob Norton has returned to the University of South Carolina at Columbia. Rosa Lee Webb is attending Brevard College. Jimmy Calloway is back at N. C. State, while James Newton has returned to the University of North Carolina (accompanied by his wife, Tina, who may enter the second semester). Margaret Ann Mitchell is returning to Greensboro College. John Kahler has entered the South Carolina Trade School at Columbia to study electronics. Don Hopper is back at Young Harris College and his sister Wanda is enrolled there also. These are the ones we've heard about. There may be more.

Enrollment Announced At Highlands School

Principal Charles Hendrix announced Tuesday morning that the enrollment at Highlands School shows a total of 399 students this year. Elementary grades have an enrollment of 277, and the high school, 82. A breakdown by grades was given as follows: 1st grade, 46; 2nd grade, 39; 3rd grade, 28; 4th grade, 31; 5th grade, 31; 6th grade, 22; 7th grade, 34; 8th grade, 30; special education class, 16; 9th grade 31; 10th grade, 18; 11th grade, 20; and 12th grade, 13.

Resurfacing Completed; Streets Have New Look

At a cost of around \$8,500, the Town of Highlands has just completed the resurfacing of all its black topped streets except Spring and Pierson Drive which were newly-surfaced last year. Herbert James, Town Clerk, reported Tuesday that the work was done by the Allison Construction Company of Waynesville. The resurfacing of approximately 13,000 square yards was required, at the rate of 65 cents per square yard.



Pictures above show Scotsman Creek undergoing clearance operation by U. S. Forest Service. Looking at fallen timber is former Wayah Ranger Bill Nothstein who "dropped by" for a visit.

Trout Waters Improved By Forest Service Crew

The local Forest Service crew has recently completed the removal of fallen timber and other debris from a one mile section of Scotsman Creek in a project to restore and improve some of the natural trout streams lying within the Highlands District. Scotsman Creek, a tributary of the Chattooga River, crosses the Bull Pen Road about eight miles southeast of Highlands. It was once a popular fishing stream for people of this area. During the past several years fallen trees, and the resulting accumulation of brush, dead leaves, and silt have obstructed the flow, and seriously affected its suitability as a natural habitat for trout. With the help of a tractor owned by Quince Hadden of Norton, workers untangled and removed timber jams to allow an unimpeded flow. When questioned about the project, Ranger Don Peterson had this to say: "Scotsman Creek is potentially good trout water. Misuse of the land in the past has caused upstream erosion. This, with falling Chestnut and old debris from logging has seriously harmed the stream for trout. Soil has washed into the stream because of past farming, improper logging and accumulated windfall timber. To improve the stream for trout it is necessary to narrow the stream channel, get rid of accumulated silt, and restore the natural channel." "A wide, shallow, silty stream just isn't good trout habitat. A narrow, shaded, cool stream with pools is good trout water in which trout can live, feed, and reproduce." Mr. Peterson stated that the stream would be allowed to restore a stable, natural channel this winter. "Next summer, if funds are available, we would like to further improve the stream by putting in wing dams which would create pools and also add to the beauty of the stream," he added.

HIGHLANDS P-T. A. BEGINS NEW YEAR

The first P-T.A. meeting of the new school year drew an attendance of an estimated 100 on Thursday night of last week, as parents and teachers gathered to discuss objectives for the coming months.

With the new president, Ed Talley, conducting the meeting, recommendations from the executive committee were presented which suggested P-T.A. help with various instruction aids and other items for students. Recommendations included the provision of material and equipment for the teaching of phonics in the 2nd and 3rd grade for those children whose parents are unable to provide them; the purchase of certain work books for first graders if the school does not furnish them; the purchase of blackout curtains for the library so that films may be shown; and the help with purchase of needed basketball uniforms.

It was voted to give the executive committee the authority to carry out the recommendations, with discretion, giving priority to the phonics-instruction needs. It was also voted that members of the Junior and Senior classes be invited to attend meetings and take part in activities as student members.

Committees appointed by the president for the coming year were: membership, Mrs. Irene James, Mrs. Pearl Rogers, and Mrs. Hoyt Vinson; program, Henry Cleveland, Glenn Shuler, and Miss Ethel Calloway; publicity, Mrs. Susan McKinley; Finance, Mrs. Edna Whitmire; hospitality, Mrs. Willard Crisp; legislation, Mr. Charles Hendrix; safety, Gene Houston; health, Dr. Donald Harmon; cultural arts, Mrs. Anne Holt and Rev. Clinton Bailey with sub-committees: (1) Spelling: Mrs. R. B. DuFree, Mrs. Louise Miller, and Mrs. Hugh Shuler; (2) Creative Writing: Mrs. Neville Wilson, Mrs. Polly Wax, and Mrs. Mildred Wilson; (3) Declamation and Reading: Mrs. Clyde Mohler and Mrs. Edna Whitmire.

Grounds: Mr. Sam McCall; P-T.A. Magazine: Mrs. Richard Zoellner and Mrs. Lillian McCall.

Carnival: Mrs. Hazel Potts, Mrs. Dolly McCall, Barbara Talley and Mary Sue Dalton. Rev. Clinton Bailey will serve as Chaplain.

In addition to the president, other officers are vice-president, Mrs. Frank McCall; secretary, Mrs. Clinton Bailey; and treasurer, Mrs. Edna Whitmire.

Dues are \$1 per year, and all interested persons are urged to join. Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, and will feature a talk by Woodrow Wilson on native gem stones.

Slides Shown At Rotary

Edwin A. Menninger, of Stuart, Fla., and Cashiers, entertained Rotarians at their regular meeting Tuesday night with slides of beautiful flowers from warm countries all over the world. Mr. Menninger, known as "the flowering tree man" imports tree seeds from many different countries. He has received awards from the American Horticultural Council, Fairchild Tropical Garden, and the Botanical Garden of Rio de Janeiro for his work with trees.

Mr. Frank Harris of Scaly Mountain was installed as a new member of the Club, with all officers taking part in the installation. Dr. Harris, who received his degree as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1934, moved to North Carolina from Tampa, Fla., in 1960 to establish permanent residence and continue his veterinary practice.

His son, Buddy Harris, was present at the meeting, and was given special recognition by Rotarians for his splendid work as a Senior Scout in Troop 207 this summer.

Mrs. Minnie Edwards, who is "back in the kitchen" at Hotel Edwards since her son, Louis has taken over the management, was introduced to members and given high praise for the excellent meal she had prepared for the Club.

Sixteen visiting Rotarians, 11 regular members, and one guest were present. President Ellison Magruder presided.

Those who have made donations during the past week include Howard E. Knight, H. E. Dandney, Mrs. Lydia Harcombe, J. A. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wotton, and Mr. C. A. Young.

Spanish Foresters Visit Here Sunday

Six forest engineers from various sections of Spain spent several hours here Sunday consulting with Don Peterson, District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service.

In the United States to learn how forestry in their own country might be improved, the group has been studying private logging operations in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York and the Appalachian Mountain region from West Virginia to North Carolina. They had been observing logging methods in the vicinity of Murphy for several days prior to their trip through Highlands.

The study is sponsored by the Agency for International Development, U. S. Department of State, with technical advice from the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Consisting of six field leaders of the Spanish Government's Forestry Department, each a graduate in forestry engineering at the National Forestry School in Madrid, the study group includes Dr. Sebastian RICO Formiles (Team Leader), Dr. Antonio DIEZ Garcia, Segovia; Dr. Jose Antonio BEHANIZ Echeverria, Madrid; Dr. Victor GARCIA Fernandez, Madrid; Dr. Miguel Angel GIMENO de la Pena, Madrid; and Dr. Jose Maria PARA Cabello, Zaragoza. Technical leader for the study is E. L. Demmon, a forestry consultant at Asheville who for 33 years was a member of the U. S. Forest Service until his retirement in 1957. Mr. Demmon, along with Mr. Joseph Tomelleri, an interpreter, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Edward G. Riemenschnelder, technically trained forester assigned by the U. S. Forest Service as car driver, accompanied the Spanish foresters to Highlands. Logging in Spain, it was reported, is generally on a small scale with hand tools and heavy reliance on human labor. Spanish forests contain relatively small-sized timber, and the trees are felled with axes, bucked with saws, and skidded with animals, as little mechanical equipment is available. The increased demand for forest products there has brought about the need for faster, cheaper, and more efficient methods to reduce rising costs of practices now used.

Rites Held For Mrs. Picklesimer

Funeral services were held Friday, September 14, for Mrs. Georgia Picklesimer, 51, who died Wednesday enroute to a Sylva hospital. A native of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of the late H. B. and Gertrude Bell Miller.

She was married in 1951 to Mr. Thomas Picklesimer and the couple had made their home for the past several years in Whiteside Cove. Surviving, in addition to the husband, is a sister, Mrs. Nick Collins of Camden, S.C. Services were held at 2 p.m. in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Rev. Gale D. Webb, rector, and Rev. James Thurman, pastor of the Highlands Methodist Church, officiated.

Pallbearers were Eugene Bryppson, Joe Bumgarner, Steve Potts, Cameron Breedlove, Conrad McCall and Brad Fell. Burial was in the Whiteside Cove cemetery.